

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic William Marshall Property II

and/or common

2. Location:street & number 4555 Middletown Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Pomfret ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rose Marshall

street & number 4555 Middletown Road telephone no.:

city, town Pomfret state and zip code MD 20675

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 192

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive folio 621

city, town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository/survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.: CH-234 (PACS B12)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 8

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Marshall Property II is a 2-story, 3-bay I-house on the west side of Middletown Road in the vicinity of Pomfret, Charles County. Constructed circa 1900, the building has a 2-story rear ell and a full-width screened porch on the front elevation.

The structure has a standing seam metal, side-gable roof with a brick chimney at both end walls. The 2-story ell also has a standing seam metal roof and a brick chimney at the end wall. The I-house is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding; the foundation is not visible. All windows are 6/6 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise. The majority of windows have wood shutters with three raised panels.

The south, or front elevation is concealed on the first story by a full-width, hipped-roof porch. The porch is completely screened and has a centered wood screen door. The fenestration pattern of the I-house is symmetrical; there are two windows and a centered wood door on the first story and four windows on the second story.

The east and west elevations of the I-house, and the north elevation of the ell, have no fenestration. The north elevation of the I-house has a first story window in the first bay, and a second story window in the first and third bay. The east elevation of the 2-story rear ell has a wood door with an aluminum awning and a window on the first story, and a window on the second story. The west elevation of the ell is concealed on the first story by a concrete block, shed-roof addition. The addition has a wood door and a 1/1 double-hung aluminum window. The second story of the ell has one window.

There are seven outbuildings associated with the property. The first outbuilding is a small, prefabricated steel shed erected circa 1975. The shed is located northwest of the house.

The second outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt sheet, shed roof. Constructed circa 1950, the shed is of wood-frame construction and is located northwest of the house and north of the prefabricated shed.

The third outbuilding is a chicken house with a metal shed roof. Constructed circa 1920, the chicken house is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the house and northeast of the two sheds.

The fourth outbuilding is a privy with a metal gable roof. Constructed circa 1900 on the Middletown school property and relocated to the William Marshall Property II circa 1950, the privy is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the house, northeast of the two sheds, and northwest of the chicken house.

The fifth outbuilding is a shed with a metal shed roof. Constructed circa 1900, the shed is of wood-frame construction and is located approximately 1 meter (3 feet) east of the privy.

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The sixth outbuilding is an equipment shed with a gable roof covered with both asphalt sheets and shingles. Constructed circa 1920, the equipment shed is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the house and the other five outbuildings.

The seventh outbuilding is a corn crib with an asphalt sheet gable roof. Constructed circa 1920, the corn crib is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the house and five of the outbuildings, and west of the equipment shed.

The property is located on the west side of Middletown Road at the junction with Pomfret Road. The site is level, and there are woods to the north and fields to the west. The property's setting is a rural area of woods, farms, small cottages, and ranch houses.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below			
prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	humanitarian
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
<u>x</u> 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other:

Specific dates circa 1900		Builder/Architect	
check:	Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D and/or Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G Level of Significance: ___national ___state ___local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

William H. Marshall purchased 0.80 hectares (2 acres) of land in 1899 and constructed a house on the property circa 1900. The property has remained in the Marshall family since that time and was conveyed to Henry A. and Rose Ella Marshall in 1967. Rose Marshall is the present owner of the land, which retains its original size. There are no detailed, published historic maps or atlases of Charles County, Maryland which locate and indicate ownership of buildings.

The William Marshall Property II is an I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are located on the interior of the gable ends, however, external chimneys are characteristic in the Chesapeake region. Usually, an I-house has a one-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. Initially, stone masonry construction was used but by the mid-nineteenth century, as pre-cut lumber became increasingly available, frame construction became the norm. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a two-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

The William Marshall II Property is in Charles County, in southern Maryland. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

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NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Constructed circa 1900, the William Marshall Property II is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common architectural style. The addition of an enclosed, screened porch has introduced an architectural element out of character with the intent of the original design. The porch, which is more than 1-story tall with vertical screens, is of a large proportion and has a significant visual impact on the elevation. In addition, the associated outbuildings are also undistinctive examples of common architectural types. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility Recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: *[Signature]* Date: 4/4/01

[Handwritten initials]

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.: CH-234 (PACS B12)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name La Plata, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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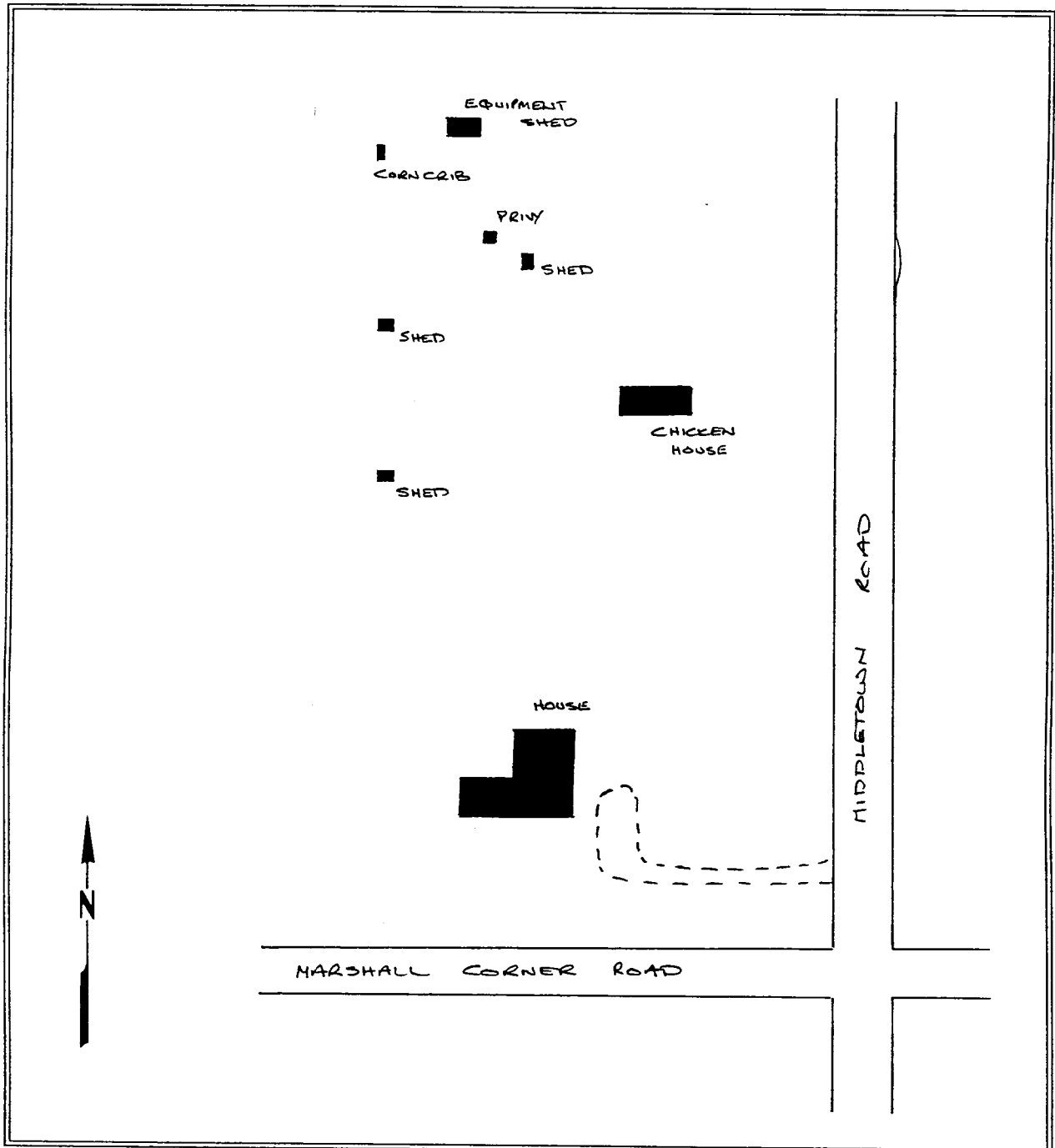
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Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

William Marshall Property II; CH-234 (PACS B12)
4555 Middletown Road, vicinity of Pomfret, Charles County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not
applicable; Occupied; Not accessible; Private residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farm, tobacco

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

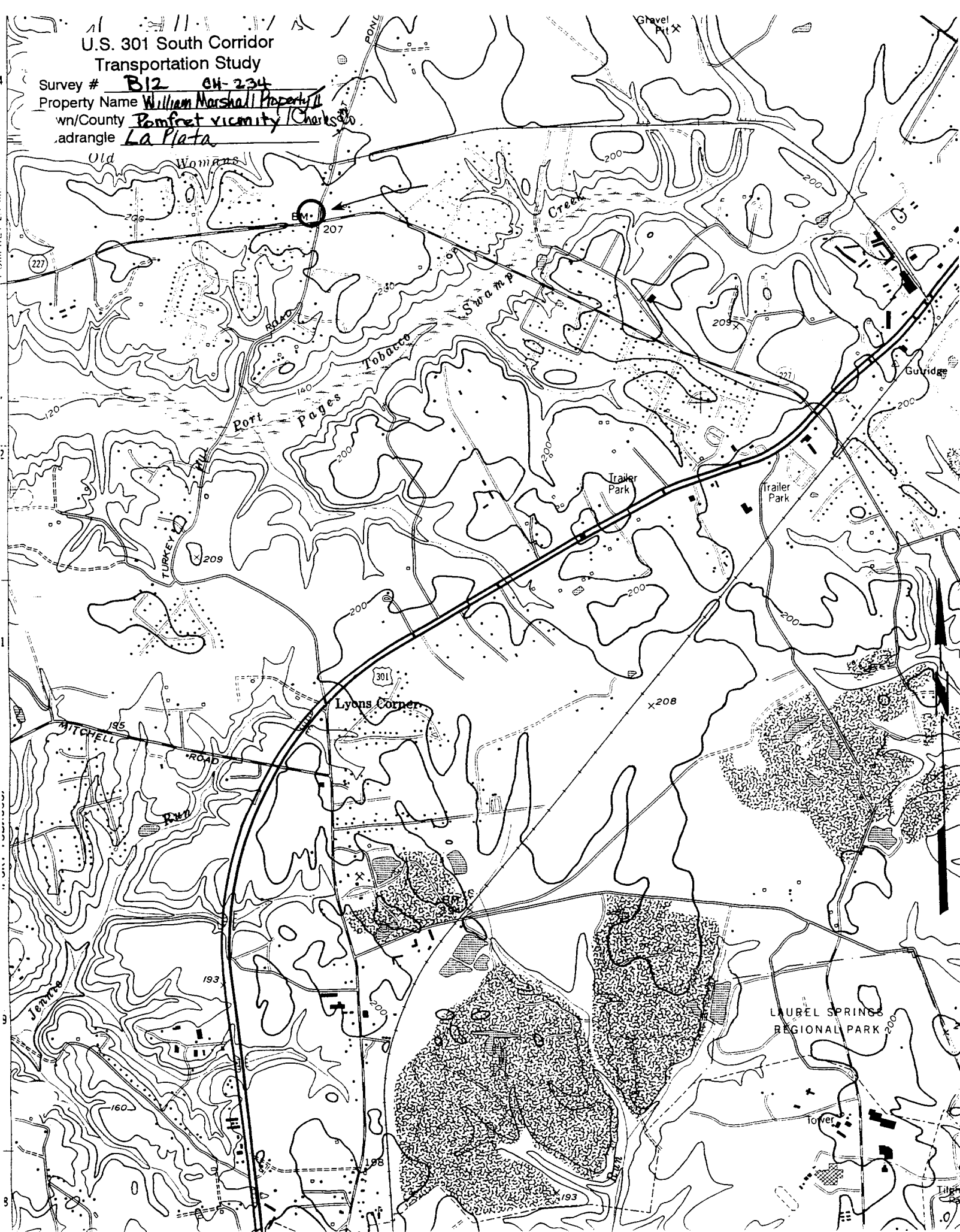
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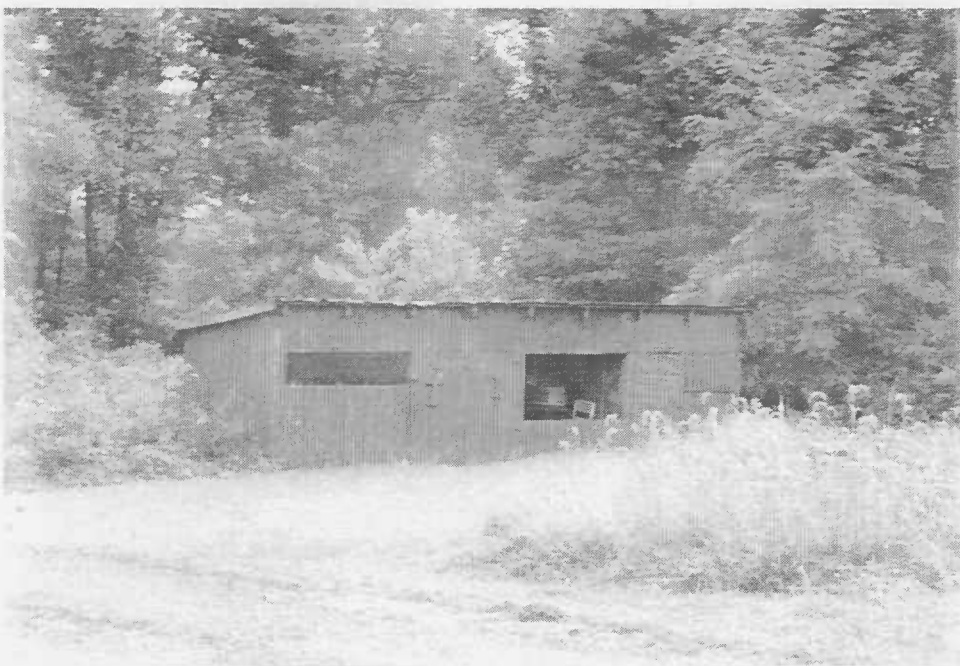
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